



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2652  
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04173.0348

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:         | ) |                               |
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| Hideaki FUKUZAWA et al.       | ) | Group Art Unit: 2652          |
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| Application No.: 08/940,020   | ) | Examiner: Davis, David Donald |
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| Filed: September 29, 1997     | ) |                               |
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| For: MAGNETORESISTANCE EFFECT | ) |                               |
| DEVICE HAVING HARD            | ) |                               |
| MAGNETIC FILM STRUCTURAL      | ) |                               |
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 27, 2004, the period for response to which extends through November 29, 2004 (November 27th being a Saturday) by the Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose amending the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.